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TO : ARA - Mr. Frank J. Devine
FROM : D/HA - Patricia M. Derian
SUBJECT: Your August 18 Memo on Security
Assistance Budget Prodess

Ollie Jones showed me your memo and it was a good one. During the winter months I was asked in Congressional hearings and by the press repeatedly to explain the process of implementation of Section 502 (b) of the Security Assistance Act. There's no doubt at all that I will be asked again this year; your effort to factor human rights considerations in at the earliest time should produce a more satisfactory basis for my answers. For those countries which require preparation of security assistance papers, reference to the human rights evaluation and plan will be necessary. In essence, we will have to justify security assistance proposals on human rights as well as national security grounds. I assume that George Lister is indeed going to weigh in on each of these papers and that Michele Bova, who handles ARA for our office, and Ollie will have a chance to discuss as well as clear them. Thanks.